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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REFERENCE TO SAUDI ARABIA BY OUR EMBASSIES IN
REPRESENTATIONS ON BOYCOTT

REFS: (A) JIDDA 1584; (B) STATE 43693

1. YOU WILL HAVE NOTED AMBASSADOR MAESTRONE'S COMMENT
THAT IT WOULD HAVE GIVEN MAJOR IMPACT TO HIS DEMARCHE
IF HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAKE SOME REFERENCE TO SAUDI
ACCEPTANCE ON POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (KUWAIT 1148).
SUCH A REFERENCE, STEMMING FROM FACT THAT THIS POINT WAS
INCLUDED IN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO CONGRESSIONAL COM-
MITTEES, WAS HELPFUL TO AMBASSADOR DICKMAN (ABU DHABI 637).
NOW THAT SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IS IN THE HANDS OF THE ARAB
GOVERNMENTS, WOULD YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO OUR SENDING
A MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO OUR EMBASSIES IN THE
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OTHER ARAB CAPITALS?

BEGIN MESSAGE:

"REFS: (A) JIDDA 1584; (B) STATE 43693

WE HAVE NOTED POSITIVE EFFECT, IN SOME ARAB CAPITALS, OF

THEIR NOTING RECENT SAUDI DECISION ON ACCEPTANCE ON POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, THAT WAS MENTIONED IN SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS TO TWO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THIS WEEK. OUR EARLIER REQUEST THAT YOU NOT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SAUDI ARABIA IN DEMARCHES TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS DID NOT MEAN THAT WE WISHED THEM TO OVERLOOK SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF SAUDI ACTION YOU SHOULD DISCREETLY ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF WHAT SECRETARY HAD TO SAY IN THIS POINT IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT THAT THEY HAD NOTED IT." END MESSAGE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE.
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